Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 60] The financial investment rendered idle due to closure of the units is not available

(c) The report submitted by RBI Committee recently to review, *inter-alia*, rehabilitation of sick small scale industrial units is being examined.

MUL bid to pass on losses

3681. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Economic Times dated 25th November, 1992 under the caption "Vendors upset over Maruti Udyog's bid to pass on losses";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Maruti Udyog Limited is not endeavouring to pass any losses to its vendors.

New appointments on the Board of Directors of the Scooters India Limited

3682. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the composition of the Board of Directors of Scooters India Limited is proposed to be changed;

(b) whether the company has been making steady progress and increasing its production values for sometimes past;

(c) whether the internal candidates responsible for such spectacular performance are not being encouraged for Board level position; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The proposal for filling up the post of full-time Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Scooters India Ltd. is under consideration of the Government. In terms of production, the Company's production has been improving but the losses are also increasing as will be seen from the following figures:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1990-91	1991-92	Apr.-Nov 1991	Apr Nov. 1992
Value of production	1285	2693	1444	1524
Net loss	4825	5280	3556	4174

Permission to PSU to Invest in Foreign Banks

3683. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued a secret circular to their Departments and Public Sector Units on 9th January, stating that the latter were no longer obliged to invest this money only in Public Sector Banks and that they could invest it even in foreign banks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) On 3rd January 1992, a general circular was issued reviewing the extent policy of the Government on banking arrangement of central Government enterprises which states that Central PSEs now can

undertake normal banking transactions with any bank of their choice including foreign/private sector banks.

Commission for increasing industrial productivity and efficiency

3684. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any steps for improving productivity and efficiency in industry;

(b) whether any high level Commission is proposed to be set up on productivity and efficiency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Productivity Council, an autonomous organisation, provides specialised services to promote productivity and efficiency in the industrial and agricultural sectors. The areas covered by the NPC are:—

(i) Industrial Engineering.

(ii) Information Technology.

(iii) Pollution Prevention and Control.

(iv) Energy Management.

(v) Plant Engineering.

(vi) Management Information Systems.

(vii) Human Resource Development.

(viii) Supervisory Development.

(ix) Trade Union & Worker Productivity.

(x) Agricultural Productivity.

(xi) Applied Productivity Research.

(xii) International Services.

(xiii) Productivity in the Informal Sector.

(xiv) Total Quality Management.

The NPC also brings out publications and periodicals to generate productivity awareness. Productivity Awards are given annually to recognise the efforts of industrial undertakings in achieving higher productivity.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Unrest in Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited

3685. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unrest prevailed in the Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited during October, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) There was some unrest in the Rupnarainpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) in October, 1992 on the question of the rate of payment of bonus to its employees for the year 1991-92. The Management proposed bonus at the minimum statutory level of 8.33% for the year 1991-92. The Trade Unions of the Rupnarainpur Unit demanded payment of higher bonus. However, after negotiations an agreement was reached on 18-11-1992 and the Trade Unions accepted bonus at 8.33.%. Disbursements were made accordingly. This did not affect the production performance of the Unit.